Meeting Notes
TAC Meeting – September 16-17th

Tuesday

1. Network 2008 Accomplishments
   a. The Lava Beds Flora project was completed. Sean Smith received his Masters and the field work for the project has ended. We are in the process of finding a publisher for the flora. Sean is currently working as the KLMN Botanist.
   b. The subtidal fish inventory at Redwood is complete. A report on the project was received in late spring 2008.
   c. Vegetation Mapping
      i. large issues with funding/salary/timeline
      ii. discussed in detail
   d. We made progress on five of our eight Vital Signs Monitoring Protocols
      i. The Invasive Species Monitoring Protocol was field-tested with a pilot study this year at REDW. The draft protocol was then submitted and peer review comments were returned. We addressed these comments and resubmitted the protocol. Currently, we are waiting for the final protocol to be accepted by the reviewers.
      ii. The Intertidal Monitoring Protocol was accepted and will be fully implemented this year.
      iii. The Landbird Monitoring Protocol draft was submitted and has recently been returned with peer review comments. We are in the process of addressing these comments with Klamath Bird Observatory.
      iv. The Vegetation Monitoring Protocol was field-tested by Sean Smith and Devin Starkey at CRLA this summer. Based on these results, the protocol is being refined and a draft will be submitted this year for peer review.
      v. The Aquatic Lakes Protocol is currently being field-tested. After this pilot study ends (October 2008), we will revise the protocol accordingly and submit a draft for peer review.
2. New Projects for FY09
   a. Climate Change Assessment with OSU
   b. Fire Mgmt Effects and Species Distributions in the Bald Hills and Little Bald Hills
      i. Late addition with last minute funding availability
      ii. Large project in the Bald Hills
      iii. Smaller project in the Little Bald Hills
   c. SOU Outreach agreement
      i. final year of funding
      ii. seeking out opportunity with McNair Scholar student
         1. undergrads
         2. http://www.sou.edu/mcnair/
         3. Student's tuition is already funded; our help would go towards funding their project work and possibly time during the summer term.
      iii. one student will focus on climate change
      iv. possibly one student to finish up work on the invasives outreach project

     v. selection is in November
  d. Implement Intertidal Monitoring Protocol
     i. This field season will be the first with the fully approved monitoring protocol.
  e. Revise and resubmit the Landbird Monitoring Protocol
  f. Refine and submit the Vegetation Monitoring Protocol
  g. Refine and submit the Aquatic (Lakes) Monitoring Protocol
     i. Eric Dinger brought up a list of possible issues and improvements that he will be addressing
     ii. A KLMN water quality monitoring meeting would be beneficial
  h. Begin drafting the following protocols:
     i. Caves
       1. Zara Environmental selected as the contractor
       2. Initial meeting will occur in October 2008 among Zara, KLMN, and the parks
       3. Draft implementation plan due at the end of November 2008
     ii. Aquatic (Streams)
       1. Eric Dinger and Bob Hoffman will be working on this protocol in 2009
     iii. Whitebark Pine
       1. May be an entire new protocol or an SOP on the Vegetation protocol
     iv. Landcover/Land Use
       1. Protocol development timeline may be pushed forward
3. Discussion Ideas
  a. Board of Directors Meeting (December 3-4)
     i. Speaker on Chytrid Fungus?
  b. Outreach opportunities
     i. Student intern from Oman at Redwood mid-October thru November
  c. Round-robin of possible projects with year-end funding
     i. Parks will prepare "wish list" of projects that may never see the light of day based on other park funding priorities
     ii. KLMN will draft IAPs and IAGPs for these projects, just in case there's funding
     iii. At the end of the year, if there is KLMN funding available, a project out of these will be selected for funding.
       1. Funded projects will be divided equally among parks
       2. round-robin of which get funding
     iv. Need to establish idea more fully and get Superintendents' approval